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1845-1945

Marion, North Carolina



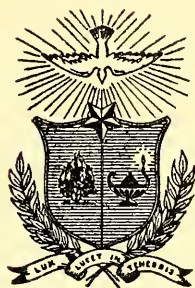
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The
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The First Presbyterian Church
Marion, North Carolina
October 11, 1945

Centennial Program
Sunday, October 7 — 11:00 A.M.
Centennial Communion
Thursday, October 11 — 7:30 P.M.
Historical Program
Sunday, October 14 — 11:00 A.M.
Centennial Sermon
Home-Coming and Dinner on Grounds

Centennial Bulletin Committee
Miss Elsie H. House, Chairman
Mrs. B. F. Pollard
Dr. Carl W. McMurray
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1845 - 1945

MY CHURCH

Before I was born, my Church gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty. My Church enriched my childhood with the romance and religion and the lesson of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten, and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths my Church taught become radiant, insistent and inescapable. In the stress and storm of adolescence, my Church heard the surge of my soul and guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars. When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love, my Church taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections, sanctified my marriage, and blessed my home. When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, my Church drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless. When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my Church has believed in me and woingly called me back to live within the heights of myself. Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself, and my Church is helping me to train them for joyous and clean and Christly living. My Church calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

—William Henry Boddy, 1931.

First Presbyterian Church



Cornerstone Laid — 1922
Dedicated — September 5, 1943



Rev. Carl Walker McMurray, Ph. D.
Present Pastor since 1938
Born: Oct. 20, 1896 —
Lancaster, S. C.
Education for Ministry:
Presbyterian College of S. C.
University of S. C.
Columbia Theol. Seminary
Princeton Theol. Seminary
Edinburgh University, Scotland
American School of Oriental
Research, Jerusalem

CENTENNIAL CHIMES

By Carl Walker McMurray

One hundred years have fled away
Ta seal and sanctify the past;
And though the time is brief ta Gad,
Wha caunts a thousand years a day,
Yet such a span ta us is vast;
Far we, with shartened days, are shad
To da our task, and only stay
To hear the century bugle blast
On years that ather feet have trad.

Upun thase years af ancient time,
A hala circles all the days;
And in the stillness we can hear
Sweet vaices fram the vanished clime,
Like music when an angel plays
A galden harp; and thus we share
The memary af the century's prime,
When saints af ald sang hymns af praise
And served the Lord in faith and prayer.

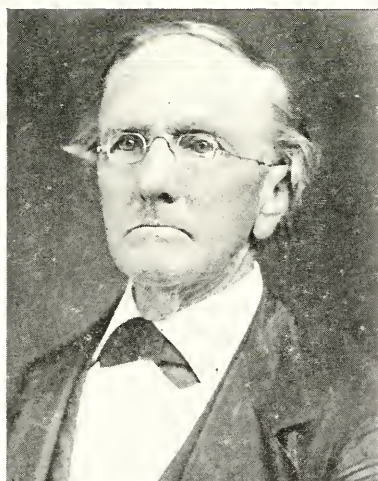
Naw like an echa saunding faint,
The belfry bell is ringin sweet:
We hear the muffled steps af thase
Wha warshipped in a chapel quaint,
And faund beneath the mercy seat
The grace which Jesus still bestaws;
We hear af the witness af the saint
Wha did the sauls af men entreat
With beauty af the Sharan Rase.

The cherished stary af the years
Unveils a glawin recard true,
Which dath reveal the faith and zeal
Of thase wha conquered daubts and fears,
And served with hanar in the crew
Of Christ, and praved their lave and leal;
And though the page is stained with tears,
There is the rainbaw's brighter hue
Which dath the glary light reveal.

The century ald is gone, farsaath,
And prospect new dath naw unfold,
Which beckans every faithful heart
To lift afresh the gospel truth
And bring the last into the fald;
For Christ naw offers all a part—
A vital place ta eager yauth,
And mellawed task far athers ald—
Till day is dane and we depart.



The First Edifice
 Erected in 1847
 First Sermon Preached in
 the First Building was by
 Rev. George M. Gibbs
 On The Text
 "How old art thou?" — Gen. 47:8
 December 26, 1847



Rev. George McKinzie Gibbs
 First Minister
 1845 - 1850
 Served Second Pastorate — 1884.
 Born: Dec. 13, 1807,
 Wilmington, N. C.
 Died: Feb. 3, 1885,
 Morganton, N. C.
 Educated for Ministry:
 Jefferson College, Pa.
 Union Seminary, Va.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Carl W. McMurray, Ph. D.

Clerk of Session: B. F. Pollard

Board of Trustees: Dr. Guy S. Kirby, Chm. (member since 1899)

Board of Deacons: J. Neal Morris, Chm.

Treasurer, Current Expenses: John A. Finley

Treasurer, Benevolences: E. R. Keeter

Sunday School: Chas. A. Harris, Supt.

Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. W. L. Morris, President

Men-of-the-Church (inactive during war): W. G. Ballew, President

Youth Fellowship: Lynn Crawley, President

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

1845 - 1945

By Elsie Hedley House

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five there came into being an infant church which was destined through a century to grow both spiritually and materially from a beginning membership of 15 through a turnover of 1318 members to the present enrollment of 350; from its first small brick home to the present beautiful edifice in which it is housed. Our original church register tells us that in that year, on the 30th day of August, "certain persons, members of various Presbyterian Churches, met in Marion, McDowell Co., N. C., to consider the propriety of organizing a Presbyterian Church at this place. The project being unanimously agreed to, the church was organized with thirteen members."

Now the date of our organization was, by the minutes of Concord Presbytery, October 11, 1845. This makes an apparent discrepancy; but it is accounted for in the fact that a new church would have to be organized either by a commission from Presbytery, or by an evangelist commissioned by Presbytery; thus there would be a lapse of time here. Rev. George M. Gibbs, who had been serving the county since 1842, was an evangelist; so it seems certain that he organized the church in October. I quote the record of Concord Presbytery under date of Oct. 13, 1845:

"A church organized at Marion, McDowell County, consisting of 3 Elders and 15 members was reported, and taken under the care of Presbytery, to be known as the Marion Church."

You will note the record reads fifteen members rather than thirteen. There were thirteen who met to discuss forming the church, but on the very next day two more were admitted. So there were really fifteen charter members, since any admitted before the actual date of organization would be charter members.

Thus the First Presbyterian Church of Marion was born; and so far as is known, was the first organized church of any kind in Marion. It is the daughter of two Presbyterian Mission churches of this county which date back by record as far as 1778: Muddy Creek Mission, which became Drusilla, located near Dysartville; and Pleasant Gardens Mission, which became Siloam, located at Greenlee.

It is interesting to note here who some of those "certain persons, members of various Presbyterian Churches" were. The names of the fifteen charter members as they appear on the old church register are as follows:

Adolphus L. Erwin from Morganton, N. C., Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Mary Erwin, Morganton, N. C., Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Mary S. Carson, Morganton, N. C., Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Nancy Sorrels, Morganton, N. C., Aug. 30/45.
 Jas. Harvey Greenlee, Morganton, Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Mary J. Greenlee, Siloam Ch., McDowell Co., Aug. 30/45.
 Jno. H. Greenlee, Siloam Ch., McDowell Co., Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Martha M. Greenlee, Siloam Ch., McDowell Co., Aug. 30/45.
 Miss Matilda M. Erwin, Siloam Ch., McDowell Co., Aug. 30/45.
 Jno. Neal, Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Margaret Neal, Aug. 30/45.
 Miss Nancy C. Neal, Drusilla Ch., McDowell Co., Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Catherine McClelland, Demopolis, Ala., Aug. 30/45.
 Mrs. Mary Laughlin, By Exam., Aug. 31/45.
 Eliza Erwin (Colored), By Exam., Aug. 31/45.

Mrs. Mary S. Carson was the mother of Mrs. P. J. Sinclair and grandmother of Dr. P. D. Sinclair of our church. Mr. Jas. Harvey Greenlee and wife were the grandparents of Mrs. B. F. Pollard and J. Harvey Greenlee. Mr. John Neal and wife were the grandparents of Miss Rena Neal and the late Mr. J. E. Neal; and the great grandparents of W. L., J. Neal and Glenn Morris, and of the family of the late Mrs. H. P. Keeter. The descendants of these charter members have served continuously in the church through the century and are today into the 4th and 5th generations. Eliza Erwin was colored; she was the servant of Mr. Adolphus Erwin.

The sessional records of our mother church, Siloam, under date of Oct. 17, 1845 tell us: The following persons were dismissed at their own request to join the church about to be organized in Marion,

Mr. John H. Greenlee & Wife,
 Mrs. M. M. Greenlee, and
 Miss Matilda Erwin."

The list should have included Mrs. Mary J. Greenlee, whose membership also was in Siloam, making four released from that church. The Siloam record may have been intended to read —

Mr. John H. Greenlee & Wife,
 Mrs. M. J. Greenlee,
 Miss Matilda Erwin

From our original church register we learn that "Messrs A. L. Erwin, Jas. H. Greenlee and John Neal were elected to the office of Ruling Elder and installed. Rev. George M. Gibbs, who had labored in the field since 1842, continued to minister to the church till 1849 as Stated Supply." At first the church was "without a habitation." For two years the congregation held services in the Court House, which had been completed in the summer of 1845. Rev. Gibbs served both Siloam and Marion, and was probably Pastor of the Drusilla Church as well; for on June 6, 1847 Mr. Jas. Harvey Greenlee recorded in his diary, "Went to Siloam to see what could be done toward Mr. Gibbs' support and give him a call as the pastor of the three congregations to which he is now preaching."

Unfortunately our church sessional records from 1845 to 1886 were either lost or destroyed; and most of the information we have

about the early days and up until 1886 comes from an old scropbook which belonged to the late Miss Lennie Greenlee, and an old diary belonging to Mr. Jas. Harvey Greenlee which he kept for over 70 years daily and in detail. The little church grew spiritually and prospered under Mr. Gibbs' ministry, and it was not to be wondered at if all the members were like Mr. Greenlee, who wrote on Saturday, Jan. 16, 1847 — "Lord grant that we may think and talk more on the great interest of the soul. Prepare us for the Sabbath most Holy Father, that we may enjoy and improve it in a proper manner." On Jan. 17th he wrote: "Sabbath morning clear and pleasant. Went to preaching to Marion. Heard preaching, recited Bible lesson, the congregation attentive in appearance. A member of the class absent. Mr. Gibbs endeavored to impress on our minds the important truths contained in the lessons, the comfort and hope of the Christian. He exhorted us to more prayer & diligence in the cause of our blessed Master & to hold up the hands of the minister by humble fervent prayer." Which exhortations the churches of today might well take to heart!

In 1847 our first church building was started. The land had been given in 1845 by Mr. Jonathan Logan Carson, grandfather of Dr. P. D. Sinclair. The deed is on file in our Court House, and it is an interesting fact that it was made out by W. M., George M. and J. L. Carson to A. L. Erwin and J. H. Greenlee, Trustees and assigns forever, on the 25th day of June 1845. Fifty-four years later it was discovered that the word 'assigns' should have been 'successors,' and a new deed had to be made out by the then present descendants of the original donors to Trustees Dr. G. S. Kirby, E. H. Dysart and C. M. McCall, elected to take the places of Messrs Greenlee and Erwin. This deed is also in the Court House.

I stated that the church building was begun in 1847. We judge so, since there are no previous records, and Mr. Greenlee wrote in his diary on April 22, 1847, "Went by Marion to see how they were doing the Presbyterian Church." And again on May 24th, "Went to Marion to see about putting a cupola on the church." The item about the cupola is the only descriptive item about the church building. But in an old letter in 1853 from Mrs. Martha Greenlee, one of our charter members, to Mrs. Gibbs, the minister's wife, she says "I went to the new Siloam Church some two or three weeks hence. Their seats are fixed off like the Marion Church." The Siloam church had a partition running through the middle to separate the men and women, the men sitting on the right and the women on the left; from which we assume that the seats in the Marion church were "fixed off" in this way. This partition would have been removed in later years. We know too that there was a gallery in the rear of the church where the colored servants sat for services. This gallery was reached by a steep little stairway just at the left entrance door of the church, and over this dangled the rope to the bell in the cupola — a temptation to every child mounting the stairway! The bell could be heard for miles around. The church held about 100 people. Attendance on the services was good in those days, and often the church would be so full that the colored servants would have to keep the children in the grove of trees surrounding the building.

Rev. Gibbs labored earnestly in the work of the church, a man of faithfulness and devotion. The old diary makes frequent references to his sermons and to his work. According to the many accounts given by Mr. Greenlee, Mr. Gibbs preached excellent doctrinal sermons. In August 1847, before the church building was fully completed, arrangements were being made to hold Presbytery. Mr. Greenlee says under date of Aug. 12th, "Started 4 hands with the waggon to build a house in Marion for to stay in during the Presbytery." The meeting was held and richly blessed. On Aug. 20th we find — "Preaching by Rev. H. N. Pharr. I was chosen as the elder to sit in Presbytery. A respectable congregation and attentive." On the next day, "Business going on in perfect harmony. A large attendance of members, both of ministers and elders." On Aug. 22nd, "The Holy Sabbath morning. At the hour of preaching not more than 2/3 of the people could get in the Court House and preaching was appointed at the Church and it was full. Cyrus Johnston preached in the church." On Aug. 24th Presbytery was over, and Mr. Greenlee recorded — "This meeting was truly a feast. Things went very smooth, no dissatisfaction. The people of Marion and the country did act well." Which speaks well for our early church and community also!

On Nov. 9th of 1847 we find recorded by Mr. Greenlee: "Returned to Marion. Settled up with Ephraim Clayton for building the Presbyterian Church. Cost \$800. Paid \$415. A. L. Erwin, J. L. Carson and myself gave our notes for the balance to Clayton to be paid in 12 months. Received the church." Let the writer remark here that too much cannot be said in praise of these three men for their zeal and generosity in the cause of that first church! Not only did they give their notes for part of the church debt, but a number of times Mr. Greenlee mentioned large sums which they paid on the minister's salary and for other purposes. On Dec. 26th, 1847, Mr. Gibbs preached in the new church for the first time. Under that date Mr. Greenlee wrote, "Went to Marion to preaching. Mr. Gibbs preached in the new church for his first time, a very excellent sermon from the words 'How old art thou?' Brought to our minds the importance of reflecting on and reviewing the past and improving the future."

It may be interesting to note just here the first infant baptism in our church, in August 1847. This was Wm. Woodville Flemming, son of Saml. and A. E. Flemming, who were the grandparents of Mrs. Hester Lonon of our membership. Shortly after were baptized David Wm. Greenlee, father of Mrs. B. F. Pollard and J. H. Greenlee; and Robt. Jason Burgin, father of Mrs. E. J. House and Mrs. G. S. Kirby, Sr.; the fourth and fifth baptisms. Not long afterward we see the name of Margaret Ann Carson, who became Mrs. P. J. Sinclair, mother of Dr. Sinclair, and now our oldest living member.

Going on to the year 1848 we find that "Mr. Gibbs preached and took up a collection for missionary purposes. Very few persons there. Made no report as to what we are paying to Mr. Gibbs, not knowing whether we come under the resolution of Presbytery." Three other entries from the diary show a little of the workings of our early church.

Aug. 27, 1848: "Started early to Marion to preaching. Mr. Gibbs preached a good sermon. Recited our Bible lesson, a good class. The church session met after dismissal to attend to church matters and

appoint a representative in the Presbytery to be held in Morganton on Sept. 7th. Mr. Gibbs also attended.

Aug. 18, 1849: "Went to Marion to preaching. Mr. Gibbs preached from Exodus 32:26, an excellent sermon showing who is on the Lord's side. Took dinner with Mr. Gibbs and staid for the evening sermon to the black people. Gave them a plain and instructive sermon."

Jan. 20, 1850: "Went to Marion to preaching. Mr. Gibbs preached an excellent sermon with much feeling, expression and solemnity from Rev. 21st, 4th."

On Jan. 29, 1850 the final payment on the note on the church building was made. Mr. Greenlee "went to Marion, borrowed \$70.11 of Logan Carson and paid off the debt for the church." We wonder what the 11c was for!

Mr. Gibbs served from 1845 to 1849 as Stated Supply. He stayed on until the early part of 1851 with no definite agreement as to his call ever being reached. We do not know what his early salary was, but he was promised \$200 for his last year, all of which had not been made up by the end of his service. In January of 1850 Mr. Greenlee went up to Siloam Church "to preaching and to see what that congregation would do in supporting Mr. Gibbs. Mentioned to some the matter of Mr. Gibbs' salary, told them we had made arrangements to secure one half of Mr. Gibbs' time at Marion Church and if they wanted to do the same we would make out a joint call for him. The day was inclement and nothing was done. Urged them to promptness in the matter." And about two weeks later, — "Had a talk with Mr. Gibbs our preacher on the subject of his remaining with us. He is willing provided the upper congregation (Siloam) will make up the \$200. I opposed his going for the present, wished him to wait a while and see what the Lord would point out." Then in February, "Went to town to meet with Mr. Erwin and try and do something in relation to Mr. Gibbs' support. Talked with Mr. Gibbs about remaining — has not fully determined. Trust to Providence he will remain if it is the Lord's will." In March, "Mr. Gibbs had a conversation with Mr. Erwin and myself on the subject of his remaining with the churches. Has not come to a definite conclusion owing to his salary not being made up. Will the Lord send us help?" The Lord must have sent help of some sort, for Mr. Gibbs stayed on through 1850, in spite of the fact that no agreement had been reached and no salary was forthcoming. But in March of 1851 Mr. Greenlee recorded "Mr. Gibbs went." He evidently left with no hard feelings, for in 1884 he returned and served for another year. You will be glad to know that part of his salary for the year of indecision was later made up and paid!

In June 1851 Mr. Greenlee wrote: "Thank the Lord that He in His Providence has sent Mr. Paxton from Virginia to see and visit our little churches here, and he proposes to preach for us if we wish. The Lord put it in the hearts of the people to give of what Thou hast blessed them with for the support of the gospel. On the way home called at Mr. Erwin's to see him about getting Mr. Paxton to preach for us and to try and see what we can do this week." The Lord did put it into the hearts of the people to give, and in July 1851 Mr. Paxton was told that the church in Marion would give him \$250 and board him and wife for

his whole time in Marion; or that the churches jointly would make up \$300 each church, Marion & Siloam, taking one-half his time. Mr. Paxton accepted the latter proposition, and in August began his long ministry of thirty-one years, serving for the longest time of any minister we have had in our church, and the whole time as Stated Supply only. He was never installed as Pastor.

The first manse of the churches was located on "Paxton's Branch" near Biddix' store on the Asheville highway. The land was given by David Washington Greenlee, grandfather of Mr. R. L. Greenlee, and the people of the community built a 2-room, story-and-a-half log house. The farm was fair sized, and as Mr. Paxton had two colored servants he did not have to get out and do as much as most early preachers did. So he had more time to devote to his church work, and on alternating Saturdays he and his wife would drive down to Marion to visit among the members of the Marion congregation, returning home on Sunday after the afternoon service.

Rev. Paxton labored faithfully in his two churches. He preached alternate Sundays, he exhorted the parents to train up their children in the way they should go, he visited his people, he baptized and buried. Mr. Greenlee's diary refers repeatedly to the excellent sermons he preached. The church register shows that there were 74 additions to the Marion church during his pastorate. This does not seem a large number over a period of 31 years, but remember that Marion was only a small town then; as an old letter says, "It does not take long to walk through it."

It was during Mr. Paxton's term of service, in 1874, that the church installed its first deacons. Evidently, as the membership had been small, the Elders had done the work of both bodies. Mr. Greenlee under day of Aug. 23rd of that year wrote, "Mr. Paxton preached from Matt. 6:33. After sermon ordained 3 Deacons, McDugal, Boger and my son John. Oh Lord, grant them grace and wisdom and strength."

Mrs. Paxton went about with her husband and helped him in his work. An old clipping in Miss Lennie Greenlee's scrapbook — which, by the way, had been started by Mrs. Paxton herself — says "She was loved by all who knew her, a general favorite. Her manners were exceedingly lady-like and respectful. It was her delight to entertain the ministers of God." Mrs. Paxton kept her membership in Siloam Church until 1875, when she moved it to the Marion Church, as they removed to Marion to live because of Mr. Paxton's health. A clipping of later date from this same scrapbook, written by an old lady who had attended our church and returned, says "The changes wrought by time — the little old Presbyterian Church where Mr. Paxton, a saintly man, broke the bread of life to us. Humbly, faithfully, he pointed his little flock to the life everlasting. Then Mrs. Paxton, a quaint, sweet little woman with corkscrew curls, whose belief in predestination was founded on a rock. She also believed in the unquestionable validity of the press. She would sometimes tell me some astonishing things and say, 'Dear, I KNOW 'tis true; I saw it in the press.'"

Mr. Paxton served in this ministry until 1882 when he became ill, and in 1884 he died. An old newspaper clipping tells us that his funeral service was conducted by Rev. George M. Gibbs of the Presbyterian

Church and Rev. C. T. Bland of the Episcopal Church, and a large congregation was assembled to pay final tribute to one they honored and loved. He was the first person buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, and his grave and that of his wife, who died in 1896, may be seen on the main driveway near the first entrance. He willed his library, a choice and valuable selection, to the Marion Church.

A testimonial tribute from the Synod of North Carolina said:

"He was a sound, practical, and earnest preacher of the word, and he delighted to unfold and apply the doctrinal teachings of the Bible. While his strength continued he endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, traveling over an extensive field, often in severe weather, living upon a small salary. He was a man of decided convictions and inflexible purposes, though in manner so humble and retiring that he often reminded his brethren of the sweetness and love of the beloved disciple. He sleeps among the people among whom he labored so long and where his memory is fondly cherished."



Rev. Thomas N. Paxton
and Mrs. Paxton
Longest Pastorate
1851 - 1882

Born: 1810, Rockbridge Co., Va.
Died: Nov. 14, 1884 — Marion, N. C.
Educated for Ministry:
Washington College, Va.
Union Seminary, Va.

In November 1882 at the close of Mr. Paxton's ministry, Rev. Colin A. Munroe began one year of service as Stated Supply, serving Marion and Old Fort. He came from a family of preachers, and his ministry in the two churches was that of a consecrated and sympathetic worker. Mr. Greenlee speaks a number of times in his diary of "the most excellent and instructive sermons preached by Mr. Munro," who also went to preach at the Turkey Cove church in addition to his two regular charges. Dr. Munroe later became evangelist of Concord Presbytery, in which capacity he visited our church here many times. The affection and esteem in which he was held in this office was evidenced by the title he bore, Bishop of Presbytery. He died in 1919 at Davidson, N. C. Dr. Munroe, by the way, celebrated his first birthday on the date our church was organized.

Rev. Gibbs served again through the year 1884. He died in the following year at Morganton, N. C.

In July 1885 Rev. Ephraim C. Murray began his work in Marion, Siloam and Old Fort churches as a licentiate, but was ordained in October of that year and installed Dec. 14th as the first **pastor** settled in this field. In the brief history recorded in our early register is the statement that "his work was abundantly blessed and by Jan. 1st, 1887 twenty-four members were added to the church. Mrs. Murray writes that "He often spoke with affection of his early work and friends, also of his pony Logan on whom he rode on his pastoral work." In an account of Dr. Murray's life and work, in reference to his service in McDowell Co. is said — "His 2-year pastorate was marked by signal success and indefatigable labors. Preaching regularly to three churches and at intervals supplying two others (which would probably be Drusilla and Turkey Cove), he conducted three week-day Bible classes, was the leading spirit in four Sunday Schools, and did some work among the negroes. 58 members were added to the churches under his care during his period, one new church was organized, and a dead one revived." Dr. Murray's pastorate ended June 1887. In later years he became very well known as a writer of religious articles and a "Pastor's Bible." He died in 1930.

It is time we spoke of the Sunday School. Since the first sessional records were lost, we have no information as to when the Sunday School was first organized. But we take it for granted it began shortly after the beginning of the church organization. In his diary Mr. Greenlee wrote on July 16, 1848, which was his first mention of this department, "Went to preaching at Marion. Before preaching I went into the Sabbath School." And again on Sept. 8, 1850, Went to Sabbath School. Had but few scholars at first but several more came in. Not near so many as when first commenced. Oh Lord, grant a desire for instruction in holy things! May parents be brought to see and feel their duty to their children!" Several people have told me of hearing their grandparents and older people speak of going to the Presbyterian Sunday School regularly, as would be the case before other churches were organized in the town. It is a pity the records were not kept. The next mention I could find is in the Sessional minutes of date of Sept. 25, 1886 where it states: "Ordered by the session that the superintendent of the Sabbath School of this church be directed to regularly

give the children of the school an opportunity to contribute to each of the benevolent causes under care of our Presbytery, that they may early be taught the grace of Christian giving."

The Sunday School report in 1892 showed

Teachers	7	
Ave. Attend.	4	
Scholars	34	
Ave. Attend.	20	
Contributed for own expenses		\$12.00
Contributed for other purposes		2.49

Compare with today's report! In the later 90s Mr. W. B. Ratliffe was Superintendent of the School. Miss Edith House taught the primary class which met in the slave gallery. Other classes were held in the body of the church. The very young children were taught by Mrs. McDougall, mother of Mrs. W. E. Landis. Miss Nan Guy had charge of the intermediate group. Col. P. J. Sinclair and Prof. J. E. Guy taught the Bible classes. In 1898 the Session voted to elect all teachers and officers annually. By 1902 the enrollment had increased to 65. In that year the Session directed that \$20.00 then in the treasury of the S. S. be used for books and a map of Palestine. In the years since then our S. S. equipment has been greatly improved and our new church has plenty of S. S. rooms. Our present enrollment is 124, and the Superintendent of the School is Mr. Chas. A. Harris.

Just after Rev. Murray's service there appears to have been a lapse of three years — from June 1887 to May 1890 — when our church had no pastor. From May to October of 1890 Rev. Columbus W. Maxwell was Stated Supply. Rev. Maxwell was a brother of Miss Jean Maxwell of our present membership. As he was ordained by Concord Presbytery in 1870 this was probably his first charge. A clipping from a church paper in speaking of Dr. Maxwell says — "He went about doing good to all with whom he came in contact, irrespective of race, color, condition or denomination. He was a man of strong faith, of constant prayer, of deep humility, who lived his religion."

On Nov. 27, 1891 Rev. William H. White was installed as Pastor, with Rev. C. A. Munroe officiating. He served for eight years, and was the first minister to occupy the present manse. It will interest you to know that Mr. White has just recently celebrated his 90th birthday in Prattville, Ala. The writer has received a letter from him expressing his prayers and good wishes for the welfare of the church and a warm interest in the Centennial.

Rev. White was a tireless worker as Pastor of Marion and Siloam churches. He had neither horse nor buggy, but if he could find no other way to reach his appointments he walked. His zeal was unflagging, and he not only preached all over the county, but he taught school, edited and published the county newspaper, stumped the county for prohibition, and reared a fine family.

In 1892 is a report which was adopted and sent up to Presbytery on the past year's work. This is so interesting that I would like to quote some parts of it:

1. We are pleased to note general faithfulness on the part of the officers.

2. The attendance upon the services of God's house is unusually good.
5. Except a few cases of intemperance, Christian deportment is good, and we trust there is growth in grace.
7. Catechism and Bible are taught in the school and generally taught in the families.
8. We are pained to note that family worship is generally neglected.
9. There seems to be no desecration of the Sabbath Day.
10. We are pleased to note some improvement in liberality in some members, but others fall far short of full duty.

It will be noted from the foregoing and from further reading of the Sessional minutes that that church body at all times looked after the spiritual welfare of the congregation. Not only did they note when any member was remiss in conduct, but they thoroughly investigated same and were not hesitant in dealing out proper admonishment, tho in kindly manner. Nor did they flinch from using disciplinary measures in the case of any member who continued in such offences as slander, lying, cursing, intemperance, dishonest dealings, and wilful absence from church services. They were also extremely strict in their examination of candidates for admission to the church. Nor did they hesitate to meet at any home to minister to one. An instance is recorded of their meeting at the home of a man to receive him into the church, and administer communion to him before he passed away, seemingly in the triumph of faith. They also "visited in religious work the families of the congregation most contiguous to their homes, according to the divisions of the town."

The following, under date of Jan. 1894, will be of special interest to the deacons: "Because of the fact that one of our deacons on account of failing health is disabled from doing the active duties of the office, and another deacon gone west, and the other deacon being so occupied in the Post Office he can attend to but a part of the material affairs of the church — therefore the work of the deacons is by the session divided among the elders." In this same meeting is recorded a resolution to have the members contribute monthly on the Pastor's salary, this being the easier and better method; the 4th Sabbath of each month being chosen for contributions by the envelope system. Later, in 1898, the deacons were requested to elect one of their number as Treasurer of all the collections and funds of the church. Then an Elder would audit and turn over present funds to the newly elected Treasurer. This would simplify matters and place the temporal affairs in the hands of the deacons, in accordance with Presbyterian polity.

We don't know just when the first societies of the ladies of the church were organized. But I found in Mr. Greenlee's diary under date of Nov. 2, 1856: "Mr. Paxton took dinner, and I sent by him \$20.00 to Dom. (which I suppose was Domestic and synonymous with Home) Mission Society, and \$20.00 to Foreign Mission Society." So evidently there were these two organizations in the church at that time. In Sessional records beginnings 1886 the first mention I found of the Ladies' Societies was in report to Presbytery where it lists

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Foreign Missions	5.94
Foreign Missions, Ladies Society	4.03
Local Home Missions	7.81
Same from Ladies Society	8.00

Making a total of \$12.03 contributed by the Ladies' Society. In 1899 was reported from Ladies Missionary Society, Foreign Missions 5.00
Home Missions 24.40

First mention I found of the Ladies' Aid Society was in April 1902, where the record states "The reports from the Ladies Missy. and Aid Societies were read and motion was made that the Session extend their thanks to them for their help with oyster suppers." Since then on many occasions the Session, and the Diaconate too, have again extended thanks to the women's organizations for their help in times of trouble!

These two organizations of the women functioned efficiently through the ensuing years until 1923 when they disbanded to re-form the Woman's Auxiliary. I have not been able to find any records of the two Societies for this quarter of a century of service. No doubt they would disclose much of interest. We do have one old clipping of about 1898 of a memorial tribute to Mrs. Martha M. Greenlee and Mrs. M. M. Satterwhite, two old and loyal members of the church, which was written by a committee of the Ladies' Missionary Society composed of Mrs. M. J. McDougall, Mrs. W. H. White (the Pastor's wife) and Mrs. T. A. White. The older people of the church will recall that the members of the two societies were willing workers, always helpful to those in need, active in the church work, and contributing generously to all church causes. The weekly prayer meeting was often held in the home of Mrs. T. A. White, I suppose to save heating the church. The Missionary Society was made up of the older women, the Aid Society of the younger.

Perhaps here we should speak of the work in the church of the young people. We do not know just how far back there was an organization of the younger members of the church, but we do know that in the fall of 1897 the Christian Endeavor Society was started by Miss Nan Guy, Miss Edith House and Mr. Clarence McCall. The society was organized in the church with about a dozen members. There are some in our present membership who belonged then. This society continued throughout the years as an active organization, along with the Junior Covenanters, who were organized in 1903 as the 101st group in the state, by J. Harvey Greenlee, who has the original charter. There were ten or twelve members, and the officers were Edwin and Lester Morris, Margo Sinclair and Will Pratt. Miss Nan Guy was also sponsor for this society. Some time in the years shortly after the Miriams, a society for the younger girls, was organized, and I believe Mrs. Mamie White had charge of it. These two latter groups finally died out, but the Christian Endeavor Society still continues under the names in more recent years of The Young People's Council, The Young People's League, Presbyterian Young People and Youth Fellowship. Under this last name it functions at present, taking an active and useful part in our church work. This group is presenting as part of our Centennial program a pageant of the early days of our church.

Going back now — you will probably be interested in the building of the first manse of our church. In April of 1898 the members of the Session were made a building committee to receive all funds for and to erect a manse as soon as practicable on the church lot in Marion. On Oct. 7th the members of the Session met and steps were taken to further the erection, a plan being accepted. Funds were to be secured as follows: \$125 from the sale of the manse building and lot near Greenlee which belonged to Siloam Church and for which Marion Church was to pay Siloam 6% interest annually while the Marion Church was a part of the group with Siloam; otherwise to return the principal when desired by Siloam. Prof. J. E. Guy was to secure subscriptions from the congregation. Mr. J. W. Kirby was to negotiate as to borrowing \$150 or \$200 to be returned in easy payments at a low rate of interest. On Oct. 24th more than \$50.00 had been subscribed and enough in sight to make \$100 or more with which to build the manse, which would be let out in parts. In November the committee granted the building of the manse to one of several bidders for the princely sum of \$150 and the brick work at \$2.75 for 1000 brick. The building to be finished within 90 days from Dec. 8, 1898. Elders Guy and Kirby to look after the erection of the building. In Feb. 1899 the trustees were instructed to give a trust deed for a certain part of the church ground to secure funds to complete the manse, not to exceed \$400. Then in April of 1899 a committee was appointed to examine with a view to accepting the manse which had been built. The committee went through the manse and after some minor changes pronounced the work as reasonably well done and accepted as to plan, material and work on the whole. Rev. White and his family moved in, thus being the first to occupy it, tho it was not entirely finished.

In this same month an especially rich revival meeting was held in the church. Rev. White wrote of it: "As a partial result of the glorious meeting going on here, unknown likely here before, the following persons appeared for membership, — 14." And again "There were 12 admitted to membership. This service closed the precious 12 days revival. Christians were greatly strengthened to live and work for Christ, a number of family altars were added, the cold and lukewarm were awakened or rekindled with zeal and love, breaches were healed, liberality was shown in a collection of \$133.83 to the Synodical Home Mission work. To God be the praise!"

In September 1899 Rev. White resigned his pastorate, and in June 1900 Rev. Willis S. Wilson was called as Stated Supply for one-half of his time at a salary of \$360. He was to serve Siloam also. However, in October of the same year Rev. Wilson was ordained as Pastor. In this year painting was done and other work finished on the manse. And — the committee reported they had rented the building for \$6.25 per month and had two months rent in hand. This seems surprising, but it is presumed the manse was rented because the minister was only part-time, serving Siloam also. The committee was directed to pay for the painting job out of the rent in hand!

A small booklet sent to the writer by Dr. Wilson's widow and which was issued in 1901 or 2, lists the "Scheme of Offerings for Benevolent Causes" for the entire year, with descriptive matter that is most in-

teresting. In the back are some recommendations on giving, and in Rev. Wilson's own hand the following: "Make a determined resolution to have some part in this enterprise. No matter if your contributions must be impecunious you are a partner in the enterprise and so far as securing the blessing is concerned you stand on an equal footing with the most highly favored."

About this time the Communion of the Lord's Supper was ordered by the Session to be held quarterly henceforth instead of semi-annually as had been done. And it was about this time too that the church adopted the Every Member Canvass, with every member of the church, child or adult, contributing. In 1903 funds collected in the church were \$907.49, and there were 102 communicants. In this year Rev. Wilson was called to the Marion Church for his full time, at a salary of \$600 and the use of the manse.

During 1904 there were certain changes made in the church building. A new belfry with a tall spire replaced the cupola, the slave gallery was taken out, new seats were installed, and the windows covered with paper in stained glass effect. Also the Session ordered that the hymn books belonging to this church be given to the Siloam Church since we had secured new ones. I believe the Siloam Church still has some of these books in use.

Dr. Wilson's ministry came to a close with his resignation in December 1905, and a committee was authorized to secure a pastor. Meanwhile Rev. Henry F. Beaty served as Temporary Supply from July 1st to Sept. 30, 1906. Rev. Beaty brought his bride here and they boarded with Dr. Kirby's father. He is now living in Florida, and has also sent special warm greetings to the church, along with some of his writings.

In November 1906 Rev. Alexander N. Perryman accepted a call as Pastor for three-fourths of his time at a salary of \$550 and the use of the manse, and in February 1907 was duly installed, with Rev. W. S. Wilson delivering the charge to Pastor and congregation. In April of that year he was called for his whole time at a salary of \$650. In November the manse had had water put in, and both the church and manse had been wired for electric lighting. In 1909 the Pastor's salary was increased to \$750. Rev. Perryman was a faithful worker and his ministry was blessed with 30 additions to the church. In November of 1909 he resigned. He died just recently in 1943.

The church was without a regular pastor for more than a year. During the summer of 1910 Rev. James B. Black served as Temporary Supply for three months. Dr. Black is a brother-in-law of Mrs. P. D. Sinclair. He has held the pastorate of Red Springs Presbyterian Church for many years, but is this year retiring.

On March 10, 1911 Rev. James Cameron Story was installed as Pastor and began his long and fruitful ministry of 23½ years, the second longest in the church. When Brother Story, as he was affectionately called by many of us, began his pastorate it was under somewhat unfavorable conditions. The church had only 91 resident members, the Pastor's salary was \$800 and contributions to all causes totaled around \$2,000. The Sunday School enrollment was 155 and

the church property was valued at about \$5,000. Twenty-three years later the roll numbered 356, Pastor's salary was \$2,400, contributions \$5,700 and had reached more than \$14,000 at the highest peak, and the church property was valued at more than \$75,000. The S. S. enrollment was 220 and contributions \$245. This was the period of our greatest growth.

In these years a number of outstanding events took place. The most prominent of course was the erection of our modern and beautiful church building. The building committee was appointed in February 1922, and our little brick church was torn down. However, all of the bricks except a few out-size ones were used in the construction of the new church, so we feel it is still a part of us. The cornerstone was laid in the same year, and "October 28, 1923 marked the opening of the new church for the worship of God." We had a wonderful service in which all the other denominations of the town joined with us, and many had to be turned away. Rev. Story read the 54th chapter of Isaiah, using vs. 2 and 3 for his text. The Woman's Auxiliary felt justly proud to have been able to contribute the fine pipe organ. Too much cannot be said in praise of Rev. Story for his indefatigable labor on the building of this church, so dear to his heart.

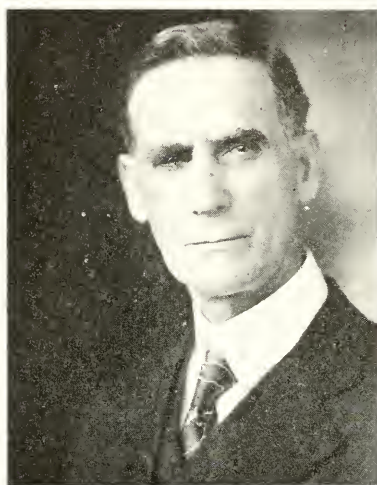
During the time of the construction of the church building a notable event of this 23-year period was the revival conducted by Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas, which we held in the school building. This revival marked a time of great spiritual awakening throughout the town and had far-reaching results. It became a community revival, rather than of one church.

It was during this period that the Woman's Auxiliary had its beginning, on July 21, 1923. The old organizations of the Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid Society were dissolved, and the members together formed the Auxiliary, in keeping with the church-wide plan. There were 88 members, divided into four Circles. Through the following 22 years the Auxiliary has grown and served the church invaluable. While the church was being paid for I don't know whatever the men would have done without us! Many was the time the ladies came to their rescue with goodly sums! In addition to the organ, which cost \$6,735, they paid for the pews, the S. S. room sliding-doors, and carried \$50.00 a month on the regular building fund. In the first ten years they raised \$22,000. In 1936 they raised a Mother's Day offering of \$1,732 to apply on the church debt. It would seem that money has been the chief concern, but the Auxiliary has grown spiritually also; and many good deeds have been done outside of the regular work, such as contributing \$500 on the Marion Hospital when it was being built, supporting an orphan yearly, and other good deeds. At present the Auxiliary is composed of four Circles under the fine leadership of Mrs. W. L. Morris.

An outstanding work of Mr. Story's pastorate was the establishment under the impetus of his untiring zeal of four mission churches — Clinchfield, Conley Memorial, Landis' Chapel, and West Marion. At two of these churches were built, the memberships of all were greatly increased, and they are today in a flourishing condition. It was to assume the pastorate of two of these churches that Rev. Story resigned his work in the Marion Church in July 1934.

Rev. Story labored earnestly and faithfully not only in his own church, but in out-of-the-way places all over the county. He organized other churches and established Sunday Schools where none had been before, and there were many off the beaten path, in the coves and byways, who loved Mr. Story for his always ready ministry in times of trouble, for his warm friendliness and cheery greeting. By his own record he made more than 21,000 pastoral calls and walked more than 26,000 miles. He died in 1943 and is buried here. We might well say of him, as of Mr. Paxton:

"He was a sound, practical, and earnest preacher of the word, and he delighted to unfold and apply the doctrinal teachings of the Bible. While his strength continued he endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, traveling over an extensive field, often in severe weather. He sleeps among the people among whom he labored so long and where his memory is fondly cherished."



Rev. James Cameron Story
Builder of Present Edifice
Pastor 1911 - 1934

Born: Sept. 17, 1868 — Guilford Co., N. C.

Died: March 19, 1943 — Marion, N. C.

Education for Ministry:

Catawba College, N. C.

Davidson College, N. C.

Union Theol. Seminary

This is perhaps as good a time as any to speak of the music of our church. Of course there has always been this part of the worship of God in the services, and one can imagine with what joy and feeling the old songs were sung in those early days. I found listed in the 90s

the names of Mrs. Mamie White and Carson Sinclair as organists, so we evidently had the small organ which many of us remember in the little old church. In later years Miss Julia Burton started playing and continued faithfully until the new church was built, when she played the pipe organ for the opening service and continued to play for about twelve years. We have also had several other organists, including Miss Lois Gilkey, Miss Elsie House, Miss Louise Poteat, Mrs. Chas. Harris and Miss Virginia Mae McCall. At present Mrs. Harris and Miss Gilkey are in charge. There has always been a choir, which has been under the direction of various leaders; most efficiently in recent years of Mrs. Chas. Harris, Mrs. A. R. Batchelor and Mrs. Carl McMurray. On several occasions the choir has presented Easter and Christmas cantatas to the public. In 1935 a very fine Young People's Choir was organized under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Batchelor, which contributed greatly to the church music on both Sunday nights and for special programs. In 1939 Mrs. Carl McMurray originated and organized Christ's Witnessing Choristers, composed of juniors and young people, which under her efficient direction proved to be a most excellent work in the enrichment of the young people both musically and spiritually. They also gave fine public programs.

Rex. Alex. R. Batchelor accepted the pastorate of the church and began his ministry on Oct. 1st, 1934. At that time the finances of the church were at a low ebb and our church debt lay heavy upon us. Mr. Batchelor rendered invaluable aid in this respect by putting us on our feet again, and it was largely due to his planning and leadership that we were able to liquidate the remaining debt and dedicate our new church by 1943. There were other noteworthy features of this period too. In 1936 the Rotary Plan for Deacons was adopted and has proved most satisfactory. Also, our Daily Vacation Bible School was instituted as a regular summer feature.

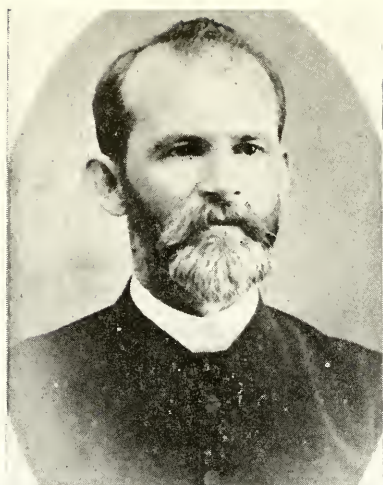
Rev. Batchelor resigned in December 1937. He is now Director of the Department of Sunday School Administration, with headquarters at Richmond, Va., in which work he has been signally successful.

It was in May 1938 that our present Pastor, Dr. Carl W. McMurray came to us. During the seven years of his ministry the church has grown spiritually and in grace; due to the rich doctrinal sermons given us by Dr. McMurray, who is a deeply spiritual Bible scholar. With the heavy burden of debt lifted from our shoulders we have learned more of the joy of giving in greater measure to missions and other worthy causes. Last year we contributed to Benevolences \$2,082. We have also been able to raise the Pastor's salary, reaching the present amount of \$3,270, and have started a fund for building a new manse. Our membership is at 350. Another organization in the church has been formed during this time, when the Men of the Church formed as a group under that name, meeting monthly at the church for a supper-meeting. During the past two years the organization has been temporarily discontinued because of war conditions.

Two milestones in our history have been passed during Dr. McMurray's charge. The first of these was the dedication on Sept. 5, 1943 of our beautiful church building. What a thrill we all had when the Burning of the Mortgage took place, and with what a sense of joy and solemnity we responded in the Words of the Dedication! The

service was presided over by Dr. McMurray. Rev. Alex R. Batchelor delivered the Dedicatory Sermon. We had present also the Pastors of the other Presbyterian churches of the county, as well as a number of members of their churches and other visitors. Dinner was served on the grounds afterwards.

The second of these milestones is the present occasion, the Centennial Celebration of our beloved church. With grateful hearts we stand now at the beginning of a new century, and as we review the history that is behind us, as we contemplate the blessings and bounties of the present, may we look forward to a future as richly blessed; a future in which we shall all, by love for our Master, by Christian fellowship, by faith and untiring zeal, build on in a manner worthy of those gone before. Let us say with Paul, "But this one thing I do, . . . reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13-14.)



Rev. Colin Alexander Munroe, D.D.
Stated Supply — 1882-1883

Born: Oct. 11, 1884 — Troy, N. C.

Died: April, 1919 — Davidson, N. C.

Education for Ministry:

Davidson College, N. C.

Union Theological Seminary, Va.



Rev. Ephraim Clark Murray, D.D.

First Pastor — 1885-1887

Born: Feb. 5, 1861 — Edisto Isl., S. C.

Died: May 18, 1930 — S. C.

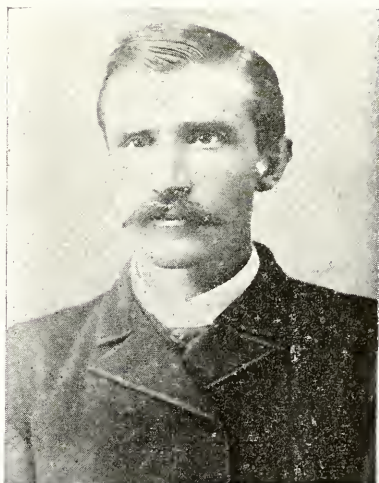
Education for Ministry:

Union College, N. Y.

Columbia Theo. Sem., S. C.



Rev. Columbus W. Maxwell, D.D.
 Stated Supply — May-Oct., 1890
 Born: Feb. 11, 1862 — Davidson, N. C.
 Died: Aug. 16, 1933 — Davidson, N. C.
 Education for Ministry:
 Davidson College, N. C.
 Union Theo. Sem., Va.
 Free Church College,
 Edinburgh, Scotland



Rev. William Henry White
 Pastor — 1891-1899
 Born: Aug. 20, 1855 — Spartanburg, S. C.
 Lives now at Prattville, Ala.
 Education for Ministry:
 Columbia Theo. Sem., S. C.



Rev. Willis Sherrard Wilson, D.D.
Pastor — 1900-1905

Born: Jan. 29, 1867 — Romney, W. Va.

Died: Feb. 23, 1941 — Davidson, N. C.

Education for Ministry:
Union Theological Sem., Va.



Rev. Henry Frank Beaty
Temporary Supply — July-Sept., 1906

Born: Jan. 13, 1879 — Mooresville, N. C.

Lives now at Tallahassee, Fla.

Education for Ministry:
Union Seminary, Va.



Rev. Alexander Napier Perryman
Pastor — 1906-1910

Born: Oct. 23, 1873 — Staten Isl., N. J.

Died: March 5, 1943 — Wheeling, W. Va.

Education for Ministry:

Davidson College, N. C.

Union Theol. Sem., Va.



Rev. Alexander R. Batchelor
Pastor — 1934-1937

Born: Aug. 6, 1891 — Geneva, N. Y.

Lives now at Richmond, Va.

Education for Ministry:

Presbyterian College of S. C.

University of S. C.

Columbia Theol. Sem., S. C.

Rev. James Bell Black, D.D.

Temporary Supply — July-Sept., 1910

Born: Nov. 15, 1885 — Summit, Pa.

Lives now at Red Springs, N. C.

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SOME ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Our oldest living member is Mrs. Margaret Carson Sinclair who joined in 1866. Our oldest living resident members are: Mrs. J. A. Poteat, 1880; Mrs. Ella Dysart, 1883; Mrs. Hester Y. Lonon, 1886; Mrs. W. E. Landis, 1889.

A comparison:	First Church	Present Church
Cost	\$800	\$80,000
Seating capacity	100	300
Membership	15	350
Pastor's salary	\$200	\$3,270
Benevolences	In 1902 \$11.34	\$2,082

Our church has had two colored members: Eliza Erwin in 1845, and Julia Erwin in 1860, both admitted on examination and profession of faith.

The cemetery of the old church was above the building in a grove of trees. A few old grave markers may be seen there now.

Our church has sent one young man into the Gospel ministry, George C. Bowman, brother of J. C. Bowman, in August 1924. Another, Percy Radford, started studying, but no record of his finishing.

The same contractor built the Court House in 1845 and the Presbyterian Church in 1847. The land for both was given by J. L. Carson. The new Church and the new Court House built in the same year 1923.

On the roll of baptisms in the old church register one finds the names of Mr. and Mrs. Paxton occurring several times. Mrs. Paxton's name was Harriet Henrietta. The late Mrs. H. P. Keeter was named Harriet Paxton Neal. There were probably a number of children named for them whose names were not recorded.

There are at present nine Presbyterian Churches in McDowell County. They are Siloam, Drusilla, Marion, Old Fort, Oakdale, Clinchfield, Conley Memorial, Landis' Chapel, West Marion. This church is the mother church of the four last named.

On Feb. 12, 1922 the following were elected by the Session as members of the Building Committee for the new church building: Dr. Guy S. Kirby, Chairman; R. E. McCall, H. F. Little, J. C. Bowman, J. H. Buckley.

The two pastors serving the longest periods, Rev. Thos. N. Paxton and Rev. J. C. Story, are buried in the Marion cemetery.

Rev. Wm. H. White, former pastor, now in his 90th year, has written in a letter dated Aug. 21, 1945, "Let us keep on keeping on."

RULING ELDERS 1845 - 1945

Adolphus L. Erwin	1845-55	E. K. Hild	1915-1920
Jas. Harvey Greenlee . .	1845-86	Dr. Geo. I. White	1915-1920
John Neal	1845-48	Dr. Guy S. Kirby	1915
Saml. W. Morrison	1857-63	Geo. A. Banner	1920-24
John S. Erwin	1857-58	R. E. McCall	1920-
David C. Ramsaur	1857-58	P. A. Reid	1920-
Jas. B. Rankin	1860-70	A. P. Eskridge	1923-1927
Robert Burgin	1863-84	J. C. Bowman	1925
Alfred M. Erwin	1886-89	W. K. Keeter	1925-1926
Edw. Thos. Greenlee . . .	1886-92	Geo. S. McCall	1925
B. A. Cheek, M. D. . .	1889-1910	R. B. Laidlaw	1927-1937
W. B. Ratliffe	1891-1926	C. R. Craig	1934
P. J. Sinclair	1894-1914	J. E. Neal	1934-1939
J. E. Guy	1897-1913	B. F. Pollard	1934
John W. Kirby	1898-1934	J. E. Crawley	1936
I. C. Griffin	1912-1915	R. L. Greenlee	1936
R. F. Burton	1912-1921	W. S. Shiflet	1940

DEACONS 1845 - 1945

John M. Greenlee	1874-86	J. E. Neal, Sr.	1925-
John McQ. McDougall .	1874-76	John Finley,	
Wm. H. Boger	1874-82	..	1925, 1936-39, 1942-
Geo. J. Moore	1880-83	R. L. Greenlee	1925-
Thos. A. White	1880-1918	H. O. Smith	1925-
Horace Neal	1889-99	Clinton Landis	1925-
Jas. L. Griffin	1891-93	Jas. F. Glenn	1925, 1943-
C. M. McCall	1897-1919	Chas. R. Craig	1927-
Guy S. Kirby	1901-	Chas. L. Poteat	1927-
E. H. Dysart	1901-1907	J. E. Crawley	1927-
Geo. I. White	1907-	E. R. Keeter,	
E. K. Hild	1914-		1927, 1940-43, 1944
P. A. Reid	1914-	M. S. Laughridge.	1927-1939
J. Fred Sprague	1915-1919	W. P. Elliott	1927-
J. F. Conniffe	1915-1920	Paul N. Smith	1927-
W. J. Patton.	1915-	A. A. Morris	1927-1938
W. L. Morris,		W. L. Smarr	1927-
	1915, 1937-40, 41-44	Hugh Beam, 1934, 1940-43, 1944	
Dr. R. J. Burgin	1915-1919	Dr. B. A. Dickson	1934-
W. W. Guy	1915-1932	E. J. House	1934-1937
R. E. McCall	1915-	W. C. McIver,	
Geo. Carson	1915-		1934, 1939-42, 1944
Geo. A. Banner	1915-	Dr. G. B. Justice	1934-
F. B. Gwin	1920-1924	John A. Poteat.	1934-
K. A. Kirby	1920-1924	W. S. Shiflet	1934, 1936-39
J. H. Buckley	1920-1924	C. A. Harris	1937-40, 41-44
Dr. P. D. Sinclair	1920-	David Hervey	1937-40
J. C. Bowman	1920-	Barron Caldwell	1938-41
W. K. Keeter.	1923-	J. Neal Morris ..	1938-41, 1942-
J. P. Dodge	1923-1926	J. E. Neal, Jr.	1939-42
Geo. S. McCall	1923-	Paul Story	1939-42, 1943-
O. F. Adkins	1925-	J. L. Gourley	1940-43, 1944
Robt. Laidlaw	1925-1939	W. G. Ballew	1941-44
Guy S. Kirby, Jr.,		Wayne Adkins	1943-
	1925, 1938-41, 1942-		

PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. H. F. Little	1923-25	Mrs. W. A. McCall	1935-36
Mrs. J. W. Streetman . .	1925-27	Mrs. R. E. McCall	1936-37
Mrs. Geo. Kirkpatrick . .	1927-29	Mrs. W. S. Shiflet	1937-39
Mrs. C. A. Workman . . .	1929-31	Mrs. C. A. Harris	1939-41
Mrs. R. E. McCall	1931-33	Mrs. W. C. McIver	1941-43
Mrs. P. D. Sinclair	1933-34	Mrs. B. F. Pollard	1943-45
Miss Jean Maxwell	1934-35	Mrs. W. L. Morris	1945

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

No records previous to 90s	1923-1926	A. P. Eskridge
In the 90s to 1898 .W. B. Ratliffe	1926-1930	J. C. Bowman
1898-1901J. W. Kirby	1930-1933	W. L. Smarr
1901-1903P. J. Sinclair	1933-1937	J. E. Crawley
1903-1911W. B. Ratliffe	1937-1941	David Hervey
1911-1920E. K. Hild	1941	Chas. A. Harris
1920-1923G. A. Banner		

MEMBERS SERVING IN ARMED FORCES DURING FIRST WORLD WAR

W. K. Keeter
Roy Kanipe
J. Cecil Gilkey
Dr. A. C. McCall
Kenneth A. Kirby
Benjamin Poteat
David N. Lonon
John A. Finley
J. C. Bowman

Clinton Londis
R. E. Laidlaw
George Bowman
James E. Guy
G. W. Kirkpatrick
George A. Holl
Thos. A. Burgin
Ralph Goodman

Miss Cloro Laidlow
John Corpening
Robert Burgin
Arnold Morris
John Poteat
Joseph R. Story
Malcolm Sinclair
W. M. McNairy

MEMBERS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE GLOBAL WAR

W. McD. Burgin, U.S.M.
P. D. Sinclair, Jr., U.S.N.
J. P. Dodge, U.S.A.
J. L. Poteat, U.S.N.
James L. Gourley, U.S.A.
Coleman Barnes, U.S.A.
(*) Charles S. Sinclair, U.S.A.
Dr. R. E. McCall, Jr., U.S.A.
Ernest E. Bowman, U.S.A.
Fred S. Bowman, U.S.N.
Wm. G. Greenlee, U.S.A.
Wm. Horace Neal, U.S.N.
S. Dysart Martin, U.S.N.
James B. Klutz, U.S.A.
Lewis Smith, U.S.A.
Alfred C. McCall, U.S.A.
Wm. L. Morris, Jr., U.S.M.
Frank W. Bowditch, U.S.N.
Dr. Donald M. McIntosh, Jr.,
U.S.A.
George Kirkpatrick, U.S.N.
Donald G. Johnston, U.S.N.
Albert R. Shiflet, U.S.N.
Ruth Cooper, W.A.C.
Alvin H. Banks, U.S.A.
J. E. Neal, Jr., U.S.A.
Robert Teeter, U.S.A.
(*) Alvin W. Finley, U.S.N.
James E. Evans, U.S.N.
John W. Bowditch, U.S.A.
Joseph Stanley, U.S.A.
Nathan Howell, U.S.N.
Wm. H. Nichols, U.S.M.
Edward H. Rowe, U.S.A.
Warren Adkins, U.S.A.

Charles C. Hensley, U.S.A.
Paul Owensby, U.S.A.
J. C. Bowman, Jr., U.S.M.
Robert Streetman, U.S.A.
M. S. Laughridge, U.S.A.
Thos. Wm. Kincaid, U.S.N.
John Wheeler, U.S.A.
Harvey Wheeler, U.S.A.
Mitchell Wheeler, U.S.A.
Glenn Morris, U.S.A.
Henry Clay, U.S.N.
Martha J. Martin, W.A.C.
James F. Smith, U.S.A.
Robert Gourley, U.S.A.
Harold Goodman, U.S.A.
Leonard Huggins, U.S.A.
Albert Thomas, U.S.A.
William Rowe, U.S.A.
S. R. Perkins, U.S.A.
James Ray Robinson, U.S.N.
W. Jackson Greene, U.S.A.
Ernest Jones House, U.S.A.
Wm. Henry Dodge, U.S.A.
Wm. Fred Elliot, U.S.A.
Wayne Adkins, U.S.A.
Charles F. Harbison, U.S.M.
Wylie H. Spires, U.S.M.
Claude Jarrett, U.S.N.
Hoyt Jarrett, U.S.N.
Lewis Reynolds, U.S.A.
Carl Huffman, U.S.A.
Weldon Bowman, U.S.A.
Puett J. Clemmer, U.S.A.

(*) Killed in Action

ROLL OF COMMUNICANTS

1845 - 1945

1845

Adalphus L. Erwin
Mrs. Mary Erwin
Mrs. Mary S. Carson
Mrs. Nancy Sarrels
James Harvey Greenlee
Mrs. Mary J. Greenlee
John H. Greenlee
Mrs. Martha M. Greenlee
Miss Matilda M. Erwin
John Neal
Mrs. Margaret Neal
Miss Nancy C. Neal
(Mrs. Alfred Clayton)
Mrs. Catherine McClelland
Mrs. Mary Laughlin
Eliza Erwin (Colored)
Mrs. Amanda Wilkison

1847

Mrs. Caak
Mrs. A. E. Flemming
Miss Harriet E. Erwin
(Mrs. J. B. Rankin)

1848

Miss Mary Ann Erwin
Mrs. Elizabeth Gill
Miss Adaline Rachel Neal
(Mrs. G. G. McKay)
Mrs. J. Morris

1849

... McCannless

1855

Mrs. Marinda Susan Folger

1856

Miss M. Louisa Erwin
(Mrs. Jas. Wilson)
John Simianer Erwin
Jonathan Lagan Carson
Miss Mary Flemming
(Mrs. J. G. Yancey)
Mrs. Drusilla Burgin
Saml. W. Morrison
Mrs. Martha S. Morrison

1857

David C. Ramsaur

1858

Alfred M. Erwin
Jas. M. Reed
Mrs. Margaret M. Reed

1860

Julia Erwin (Colored)
Jas. B. Rankin

1861

Miss Mary Eliza Greenlee
Miss Martha A. Greenlee

1862

Miss Ella V. Lewis

1863

Merriwether Lewis
Mrs. Amanda Lewis
Miss Maria Lewis
Alfred Clayton

Robert Burgin
John M. Greenlee
Merriwether Lewis, Jr.

1865

Jos. K. Neal

1866

Miss Mary Maffit Carsan
(Mrs. Wm. McD. Burgin)
Miss Margaret Ann Carson
(Mrs. P. J. Sinclair)
Miss Sarah S. Burgin
Mrs. Harriet J. Carsan

1867

Mrs. Amanda A. Bailey

1868

Mrs. Margaret C. Neal
Mrs. Sophronia E. Neal

1870

Joseph Reed
Jas. F. Baird
Mrs. Hannah M. Baird

1871

Mrs. Martha Jane Presnel
Miss Harriet M. Baird
Miss Nancy A. Baird

1872

David Wm. Greenlee
Wm. H. Boger

1873

Peter J. Sinclair
Mrs. Ellen A. Sinclair
J. McQ. McDougall
Mrs. Margaret J. McDougall
Mrs. Frances Greenlee

1874

Mrs. Ella M. Flemming
Wm. Woodville Flemming

1875

Mrs. Harriet H. Paxtan
(wife of minister—
letter moved from
Siloam)

Mrs. Eliza L. Maare

1877

Geo. J. Moore

1878

John Yancey

1879

Thos. A. White
Mrs. Frances I. White
Miss Margt. Josephine Neal
Miss Harriet P. Neal
(Mrs. H. P. Keeter)

Robert Jason Burgin
Mrs. Nancy White

1880

Edgar B. Harris
Mrs. Emily G. Bager
Wm. Carson Neal
Mary C. Maare
(Mrs. Jos. Poteat)
John G. Yancey

John Yancey, Jr.
Miss Mary F. Yancey
(Mrs. Chas. Carpening)
Robt. C. Burgin

1881

Mrs. Henrietta Burgin

1882

Geddings Hardy Neal
Miss Nancy Belle Neal
(Mrs. A. C. Garden)
Miss Mary Martha Neal
(Mrs. Thos. Marris)
Miss Sarah Adaline Neal
(Mrs. A. L. Bright)

1883

B. D. Sinclair
Mrs. Ella Dysart
Mrs. Mary Greenlee

1884

Wm. Frank Dale
Samuel Hannah Yancey
Miss Sallie Walker James
(Mrs. W. C. Atwell)

1885

Miss Martha Jane Neal
Miss Maggie Neal
(Mrs. Wm. Covington)
Miss Mamie Sinclair
(Mrs. G. I. White)

Wm. B. Ratliffe
Mrs. Alice W. Ratliffe
Mrs. M. Susan Bobbitt
Edw. Thos. Greenlee
Samuel W. McKee
Mrs. M. Ella Lacy

1886

Miss Nancy E. Reed
Mrs. Mary Bailey
Miss Hester I. Yancey
(Mrs. D. N. Lonan)
Miss Mattie A. Bailey
Harace S. Neal
Chas. A. Bobbitt
Samuel H. White
John Hall Cheek
Samuel Deal
Alney Burgin
Mrs. Martha A. Hensley

1887

Dr. Benjamin A. Cheek
Mrs. Laura W. Cheek
W. Avery Elliott
Miss Jennie Matilda Henslee
(Mrs. Higgins Hall)
Miss Sallie Eune B. Seagle
(Mrs. Geo. Gilkey)

1889

Miss Lillie M. Yancey
(Mrs. Franklin Clark)
Miss Mattie Duncan
Miss Maggie McDougall
(Mrs. W. E. Landis)

Wm. H. White
Hugh A. Tate
Wm. Coe
Jas. T. Griffin

1890

Lagon C. Burgin
Will B. Cheek

1891

Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter
Mrs. C. H. White
(wife of minister)
Mrs. M. A. Walton
E. F. Watkins
Mrs. Lillie L. Tate
John Wharton Ratliffe

1892

Hubbard Dysart
Ed. H. Dysart
B. W. Crowe
Mrs. Alice R. Crowe
Wm. M. Hensley

1893

John A. Maxwell
Mrs. L. E. Maxwell
Mrs. Ella T. Greenlee
Mrs. Annie Scoggins Murphy
Miss Sallie Burgin Moore
Thaddeus K. Bailey
Miss Gertrude Elliotte

1894

Mrs. Wm. Bateman
Wm. H. Bobbitt
Clarence M. McCall
John Harvey Burgin
Willie M. Burgin
John T. Bailey
Annie M. Sinclair
Jessie E. Ratliffe
(Mrs. Jessie R. Morgan)
Carrie G. Cheek
(Mrs. J. H. Edwards)
Miss Susan Elliotte
Miss Katie Gowan Carson
(Mrs. Katie G. Chapin)
Miss Sallie Belle Bailey

1895

Mrs. Julia Mitchell
O. E. Crowson
Maud Crowson
Miss Alice Holland
1896
J. E. Guy
Miss Nannie Guy
(Mrs. J. H. Long)
Mrs. Daisy Hopen Gaston
(Mrs. E. L.)

1897

Miss Edith House
(Mrs. H. D. Hayden)
Miss Fannie S. Cheek
(Mrs. A. S. Clark)
Elisha A. Neal
John Neal
Miss Lizzie Neal
(Mrs. R. G. Howard)
Dr. Guy Smith Kirby

1898

Mrs. Jennie McCall
J. Herbert McCall
R. E. McCall
John W. Kirby
Mrs. Mary Kirby
Dan Filmore Kirby
Mattie Eugenia Kirby
(Mrs. J. H. Buckley)
Millard More Kirby
William T. Morgan
Miss Nannie McCall
W. C. Neal
Mrs. W. C. Neal
Sam Neal
Bessie Neal
A. J. Bailey
Mrs. A. J. Bailey

1899

W. W. McConnell
Mrs. W. W. McConnell
Miss Rowena C. Neal
Miss Grace M. Neal
(Mrs. G. B. Justice)
Miss Mary M. Dysart
(Mrs. J. S. Hopper)
Miss Ella Josephine Dysart
(Mrs. Ben Martin)
Miss Mattie E. Hensley
Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee
(Mrs. B. F. Pollard)
Logan Carson Sinclair
Wm. Wright Guy
Kenneth A. Kirby
John M. Murphy
Jessie M. Sinclair
J. Harvey Greenlee
Edwin Guy
Peter DeMargo Sinclair
John H. Wilson
Mrs. M. M. Murphy
Miss Maud Greenlee
(Mrs. Wm. Shelton)
Miss Annie T. Greenlee
(Mrs. F. B. Edwards)

Miss Marie Gruber
Miss Annie Gruber
James Alexander Sinclair
Lura B. Carson
Bessie M. Poteat
(Mrs. W. M. McGalliard)
Benjamin L. Poteat
William Lester Morris
Edwin H. Morris
Mary Wilson
Minnie Burgin
Lillie Burgin
Hattie Burgin
Mrs. Doc Taylor
Nancy E. Reid

1900

Mrs. Lizzie E. Bobbitt
Miss Maud Hopson
Mrs. Mary M. House

1901

W. Arthur McCall

Charles E. House
Mrs. Crissie W. Burton
Miss Eliza C. Wilson
Miss Margaret Winslow

1902

Miss Mary Eliza E. Bateman
Moffitt Durant Sinclair
(Mrs. J. L. Henderson)
Mrs. J. P. Norton
Mrs. T. H. Higgins
Mrs. Eva Sams

1903

Miss Sarah A. Bostic
Chas. Alexander McCall
Miss Mary M. Elliotte
William Bateman
John S. Hopper
Mrs. Emma W. Smith
Mrs. Emma S. Cline
G. C. Anthony
E. H. House

1904

Miss Sue Buckwith
Miss Winnie Folsom Dysart
J. Shephard Finley
Mrs. Catherine McCall
Miss K. Alma McCall
(Mrs. E. H. Morris)
Dr. A. Clay McCall
E. B. Baber
Mrs. Isabella Allan Wilson
(wife of pastor)
Eurene Gilkey
Mrs. T. B. Kirkman
Mrs. J. S. Finley
Mrs. E. J. Higgins

1905

Dr. George I. White
Marguerite Alice House
Joseph C. Conley

1907

L. B. Alexander
Mrs. Viola S. Perryman
(wife of pastor)
Mrs. Julia C. Winslow
Chas. F. Meacham

1908

J. Fred Sprague
Mrs. J. Fred Sprague
Mrs. Kate K. Clay
J. M. Bobbitt
Mrs. J. M. Bobbitt
Robert A. Burgin
T. Y. Lytle
Mrs. T. Y. Lytle
Mrs. Ben Steppe
Mrs. Sallie Burgin
B. A. Cowan
Mrs. B. A. Cowan
Samuel Horace McCall

1909

E. G. Ferguson
Mrs. Mary G. Ferguson
Dalton S. Masters
Elsie Hedley House
Julia Castex Burton
(Mrs. Paul Nafe)

Grace Kathleen Finley
 (Mrs. Jas Hubbard)
 Julia Long Sinclair
 (Mrs. Henry Kearns)
 Ben Edgar Martin
 Tom Burgin
 Robert Roy Burgin
 Pinckney Augustus Reid
 Mrs. Beulah
 Witherspoon Reid
 Harvey Conley

1911

Mrs. J. C. Story
 (wife of pastor)
 Joseph Story
 Samuel Story
 Mary Bruce Landis
 (Mrs. Edw. Guy)
 Clinton B. Landis
 E. K. Hild
 Mrs. E. K. Hild
 Mrs. Charles Carson
 Miss Mary Eva Keeter
 Miss Laura B. Merrill
 Miss Cora Neal Merrill
 (Mrs. Claud Cochran)
 Miss Addie Baxter Merrill
 (Mrs. Wm. H. Moore)

1912

George Banner
 Mrs. George Banner
 I. C. Griffin
 Mrs. I. C. Griffin
 Mrs. Loucinda Glenn
 (Mrs. J. F.)
 Gladys Gray Atwell
 (Mrs. Teeter)
 Mary Matilda Poteat
 Winfield Kerr Keeter
 Eugene Roy Keeter
 Mrs. Hugh F. Little
 I. M. Hoyle
 Mrs. I. M. Hoyle
 Mrs. Ada Hoyle Rowe
 Mary Alice Bobbitt
 Alexander White
 Julia McConnell
 (Mrs. Jos. Stanley)
 Fannie Elliott
 Paul Story
 Virginia Banner
 (Mrs. H. P. Morrow)
 Martha Bobbitt
 (Mrs. M. Minnick)
 Ruth Finley
 (Mrs. Herman Walker)
 Arnold Morris
 Clyde Finley
 Mary Margaret White
 (Mrs. Lewis Graves)
 Harold Griffin
 Ermon McConnell
 (Mrs. W. S. Shiflet)
 Paul Banner
 Mary Griffin
 Elizabeth Bobbitt
 (Mrs. Padgett)

Malcolm Sinclair
 Laura Hoyle
 (Mrs. A. C. Walton)
 Joseph H. Buckley
 John S. Hopper
 Mrs. Wm. M. Pratt
 Joseph William Poteat
 W. E. Shiflet
 Chas. E. Warner
 J. F. Conniffe
 John A. Poteat
 Maud Burgin
 Ruth Burgin
 Mrs. B. C. Bright
 George Carson
 Mrs. Mattie J. Grayson
 Mrs. Camille Cooper
 (Mrs. T. J. Halliburton)
 Robert B. Laidlaw
 Mrs. Mary Laidlaw
 Robert B. Laidlaw, Jr.
 Miss Clara Laidlaw
 Miss Edith Laidlaw
 (Mrs. Bird)
 Miss Marguerite Laidlaw
 (Mrs. J. D. Chestnutt)
 Herbert Laidlaw
 Miss Edna Wells

1913

Miss Lois Gilkey
 Miss Irene Burgin
 Jacob C. Bowman
 Mrs. Jacob C. Bowman
 Dr. Gaston B. Justice
 Mr. John L. Flowers
 Mrs. John L. Flowers
 Dr. Frank Haynes
 Mrs. Ada Scoggins
 Robert Burgin
 Albert Elliott
 Guy S. Kirby, Jr.
 J. Neal Morris
 James H. Byrd
 Graham McCulloch
 Charles Johnson
 Mattie Perry
 (Mrs. R. E. Schwartz)
 Oscar Adkins
 Mrs. Mollie Page Adkins

1914

Miss Hattie Martin
 Charles R. Craig
 Mrs. Florence Hunter Craig
 W. J. Patton
 A. M. Goodman
 Mrs. Rhoda Goodman
 Mrs. Margaret Eller
 Miss Eva Eller
 J. Emmett Guy
 Gudger Dale
 Bessie Owensby
 Blanche Owensby
 Rudolph McCulloch

1915

Alfred Burgin
 Mrs. Alfred Burgin
 Thomas Burgin

Mrs. Sara Green
 Mrs. W. F. McPeeters
 (Mrs. J. C. Bowman)
 Mrs. Beulah Gray
 (Mrs. J. W.
 Streetman, Sr.)
 Ralph W. Goodman
 Jack Burgin
 Robert Poteat
 S. B. Neal
 Mrs. S. B. Neal
 C. E. Neal
 Mrs. C. E. Neal
 Thos. B. Gibbs
 Mrs. Thos. B. Gibbs
 Mrs. W. L. Morris
 Miss Grace Lusk
 Miss Mamie Lusk
 Miss Isobel Erwin
 Miss Barr Morgan
 Mrs. John Steppe
 John L. Elliott
 Roy Kanipe

1916

Stella Miller
 Louise Poteat
 William Riley Story
 John Eller
 Pinkie Eller
 Mary L. McConnell
 (Mrs. M. C. Tipton)
 Vera L. Laidlaw
 Annie Kate Burgin
 (Mrs. E. J. House)
 Louise D. Burgin
 (Mrs. J. C. Rabb)
 Mrs. Lillie Huffman
 Miss Kate Huffman
 Mrs. Mary Sinclair
 Robert Burette Holler
 Harry B. Caldwell
 James F. Glenn
 Fred T. Cranford
 Mrs. Myrtle Cranford
 J. J. Fritz
 Cornelius Owensby
 John Reid Hild
 Ruth Martin
 Mrs. Sara Fritz
 Percy Radford
 Miss Maud Harris
 James T. Gist
 Mrs. James T. Gist

1917

Mrs. Mary Presnel Wilson
 Mrs. E. M. Short
 Bonnie Burgin
 (Mrs. Guy S. Kirby, Sr.)
 Frank Burgin
 Catherine Hensley
 Dora Hensley
 Eugene Laidlaw
 Henry Blackwell
 F. B. Gwin
 Mrs. F. B. Gwin
 Miss Dorothy May Hoyle
 (Mrs. Emmett Guy)

Mrs. Hattie Tate
Pendergrass
Mrs. R. E. McClair
George Bowman
S. L. Sheep
Mrs. Myran Whitener
W. E. Castor
Mrs. W. E. Castor
Mrs. G. G. McCulloch
Miss Eula E. Hall
Miss Katie Ola Yoder
Miss Blanche White
(Mrs. W. H. Grace)
Miss Ruth E. Cowan
(Mrs. Cecil Lassiter)
W. P. Finley
C. L. Dellinger
W. F. H. Hall
Mrs. Julia C. Finley
Horton C. Finley

1918

J. H. Buckley
Mrs. J. H. Buckley
Thos. Y. Lytle
Samuel S. Short
Jacob C. Bowman
Mrs. Mary Garrison Burgin
Cliffard Porter
Mrs. Clifford Porter
Mrs. Ida Henline
Laura Tanner
(Mrs. Robt. Suddreth)
Dorothy Tanner
Henry Clay
Mary Buckley
(Mrs. Ram Tuttle)
Floyd Glenn
Harrison Gwin

1919

John Allan Bledsoe
Geo. W. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. G. M. Wilkerson
Pauline Wilkerson
Leona Wilkerson
Clyde Wilkerson
Ruth Grayson
(Mrs. W. L. Marks)
Miss Essie Bowen
Chas. B. Mitchell
Mrs. Chas. B. Mitchell
Mary E. Mitchell
Sarah E. Mitchell
Chas. E. Mitchell
Ruth M. Mitchell
Mrs. Leon Neal
Wilhelmina F. Corpening
(Mrs. Will Greenlee)

1920

Mrs. H. O. Smith
John Finbar Sweeney
Wm. J. Atwell
James Z. Wyatt
Annie Wyatt
Jessie Wyatt
Marion Wyatt
Mrs. Eliza Wyatt

Mrs. R. A. Holler
Zelma Atwell
Julia W. Sinclair
(Mrs. Ben F. Phillips)
Charles S. Sinclair
Myran E. Whitener
Mary Nelson Bettis
(Mrs. Stone)
Lila Mae Lonon
(Mrs. Larry Seeman)
Wm. P. Pumphrey
Mrs. Minnie Foy Pumphrey
Margaret L. McConnell
(Mrs. M. D. Atwell)
Mrs. Effie Lail
Eva Lail
Dora Lail
William Lail
James E. Neal
Margaret Justice
(Mrs. Margaret Jenkins)

Mary Jane Owensby
Clyde T. Laidlaw
David M. Steppe
Paul A. Steppe
Lehman Grayson
Jim S. Ferguson
Elizabeth Ferguson
Ethel Ferguson
Gray Ferguson
Edwin Finley
Florence E. Henline
(Mrs. L. B. Wright)
Zilpah Frisbie
Mrs. Harvey B. Hensley
Texie Hensley
Robert Whitener
Glenn Morris
Kenneth Whitener
John Atwell
Frank Atwell
Crowson Gwin
Elsie Broadwater
George S. McCall
Millard Wilson
J. B. Banks
John A. Finley
Wm. McCall
Ralph Busch
Loujs Byrd
Alvin Banks
Capt. Daniel A. Kanipe
J. E. Crawley
Cato O. Holler
Wm. Henline
H. O. Smith
James P. Dodge, Jr.
John Burton
Mary B. Morgan
Mrs. Lucille Holler
W. A. McCall
Mrs. W. A. McCall
James T. Gist
Mrs. James T. Gist
Miss Elma Carson
(Mrs. Carson Garman)

Mrs. Geo. W. Kirkpatrick
W. B. Hoyle
A. M. Smith
Mrs. A. M. Smith
Mrs. B. W. Young

1921

Mary Sue Corpening
Mrs. Morris Laughridge
Paul Smith
Andrew Smith
Joseph C. Harris
Hugh Francis Little, Jr.
David Daws Little, Jr.
James Edward Little
Mrs. Chas. B. Mitchell
(2nd by that name)
Mrs. Rose A. Tolbard
Martha Louise Justice
(Mrs. Bart Fringer)
Theo V. Davis
Mrs. Jessie Davis
Mrs. Mary B. Kurtz
Mrs. Louise Barnes
Virginia Anderson
A. P. Eskridge
Mrs. Eliza Payne Eskridge
Mrs. May Daniel McCall

1922

Fred Biddix
Mrs. Edwin Glovish
Miss Ruth Byrd
Mrs. Fred Biddix
Mrs. W. K. Keeter
J. E. Lyons
Wm. McGalliard
Mrs. Mabel Crockett Dodge
Ralph B. Kurtz
Ellen Edwards Eskridge
Willie Leonora Davis
Georgia Lee Lail
James A. Suttles
Mrs. Allie Suttles
Wm. Oscar Schism
Mrs. Lillian Schism
Sara Mitchell
Josephine Martin
Samuel Dysart Martin
Alvin Finley
Minnie Mae Suttles
Lena Frances Young
(Mrs. Fred Penninger)
John Cecil Gilkey
Mrs. Margaret Teresa
Gilkey
W. L. Smarr
Mrs. W. L. Smarr
Mrs. Annie B. Trexler
J. T. Laughlin
Mrs. J. T. Laughlin
B. R. Sowers
Mrs. B. R. Sowers
Mrs. J. W. Jones
Mrs. J. E. Crawley
Marris S. Laughridge
Miss Elizabeth Barrett

1923

R. L. Greenlee
Robert Edgar McCall, Jr.
John McDonald Neal
Carroll Baldwin Little
James Morgan Banner
Elizabeth Langhorne
Eskridge
Miriam Story
(Mrs. Harold Bolich)
Joseph Karcher Clay
Pearl Hollifield
Mrs. C. A. Workman
Mrs. W. J. Patton
Mrs. Edna Cranford
Mary Logan Crawford
Mrs. Anna Hensley
Mabel Mildred Young
Metta Inez Bollinger
(Mrs. W. G. Best)
Anna Kate Craig
(Mrs. Austin Spruill)
James Edward Neal
Edwin Clay Cranford
Richard W. Atwell
Virginia Eliza McConnell
(Mrs. Bob Landis)
Alfred Wm. McCall
Helen Arlene Grayson
(Mrs. J. M. Lancaster)
Kathryn Annie Steppe
Eleanor Irene Young
(Mrs. A. M. Evans)
Robert Cranford
Marnix Grayson
John Miles Davis

1924

Ralph Duncan
Mrs. Ralph Duncan
Murray Duncan
Margaret Duncan
Jessie Duncan
Charlie Mae Austin
Harold Hugh Glenn
Wm. McDowell Burgin
Janie Edna Sowers
Baxter B. Sowers
Jessie Eloise Davis
Margaret Evelyn Davis
Estelle Hollifield
R. E. Burton
Mrs. R. E. Burton
Marie Burton
Lamar Burton
Mrs. J. W. Streetman, Sr.
Mrs. F. A. Lukin
Mrs. Sadie Lukin Hogin
Dorothy Lukin
Mrs. Guy S. Kirby, Jr.

1925

James Henline
Elbert Ammon
Mrs. Louise Ammon
Charles A. Harris
Winslow G. Ballew
Mrs. Winslow G. Ballew

Raymond Burgin
Annie Kate Lewis
Jessie Juanita Bowman
Marjorie Glenn
Roy Edward Burton, Jr.
Frank W. Bowditch
Clyde Grayson Hensley
Herbert Lindsey Little
James Cranford
Coleman Barnes
Sanford Cullen Bollinger
Carl Wilborn Huffman
Roy Carson Hensley
Weldon McPeters
William P. Pumphrey, Jr.
John Wesley Bowditch
Wm. P. Elliotte
Mrs. Wm. P. Elliotte
Pauline Ritchie
Charles Hammond
Mrs. Effie Hammond
Vestie Wright
Edna Johnson
(Mrs. Ayres)
Marshall Jonas Lail
Mrs. T. L. Klutz

1926

Ellen Bateman
Lena Caruso
(Mrs. Edw. Foy)
W. C. Mc Iver
E. C. McMillan
Frank Glenn
Mrs. T. D. Harris
Mrs. Paul N. Smith
Courtland E. Young
Mrs. Courtland E. Young
Garland Williams
Della M. Williams
Gerard Alan Abbott
Ira Bollinger
Mrs. Ira Bollinger
Miss Dorothy Long
Chas. L. Poteat
Mrs. Chas. L. Poteat
Mrs. Chas. A. Harris
J. P. Eakers
Mrs. J. P. Eakers
Louise Eakers
Mrs. Irene Eakers
Ellington

1927

Carl Krumm
Mrs. Carl Krumm
James Simeon Elliotte
John Wesley Elliotte
Willie C. McConnell
(Mrs. Leonard Huggins)
Thelma E. Poteat
(Mrs. J. G. King)
Hubert Lewis Smith
Lillian Gibbs
Lester A. Hensley
Fred Elliott
Mrs. Minnie Belle Hensley
W. R. Huskins

Mrs. W. R. Huskins
A. C. Huskins
Mrs. A. C. Huskins
W. B. Green
Mrs. W. B. Green
Clyde Green
Jack Green
John W. Autrey
Cordie Autrey
Lillie Autrey
Mrs. Roy Kanipe
Mrs. Bettie Higgins
Anna E. Howell
(Mrs. Guy Steppe)

1928

William Clark
Ernest J. House
Margaret Jimmerson
Edna Cranford
Novella McKinney
Frances McPeters
(Mrs. Norman Boyter)
Elizabeth Rogan Neal
(Mrs. Lynn Harris)
Marguerite Morris
(Mrs. Woodrow Saunders)
Olivia Burgin
Minnie McKinney
Carl P. Jimmerson
Warren Y. Adkins
Wayne P. Adkins
Richard C. Jimmerson
Jack A. Poteat
Edwin J. Simpson
Mrs. Tiny Higgins Woodley
William S. Shiflet
John M. Burgin
Nathan W. Howell
Clarence S. Henline
Marie Spratt
Marion Spratt
Annie Austin
William Horace Neal
Melvin Ellis
Mrs. Betty McKinney
Hazel Cranford
Fleta Mae Hensley
Louise Austin
Mary Sinclair
(Mrs. Z. D. Greenwood)
James Shannon Long
Vernon M. Burgin
Samuel Klutz
James Klutz
Carrie Birchfield
Lou Jane Shook
Willard Jimmerson
Mrs. Willard Jimmerson
J. W. Streetman, Jr.
Mrs. John A. Poteat
Mrs. Ben M. Martin
Annie Laura Eakers

1929

Mrs. J. Fleming Snipes
Vandelia Williams
Hessie Wilson

Virginia Wilson
J. L. Green
Mrs. J. L. Green
Josephine Green
Mrs. Anna Elberta Watkins
Thos. Wiseman Hall
Harry Guy Hall
Jasan Shufard McKinney
Mrs. J. P. Scarborough
Bernard F. Pollard
Mrs. A. A. Morris
R. C. McNairy
F. H. Dellinger
Mrs. F. H. Dellinger
Iola Parker
(Mrs. Paul Bradford)
W. E. Penny
Mrs. W. E. Penny

1930

H. L. Pack
Mrs. H. L. Pack
Joseph T. Martin
Miss Anna Marie Osborne
(Mrs. Gordon Morris)
John Alec Hyatt
Margaret Irene Moser
Annie Lee Wallace
Ernest Earl Hammond
Ward Cecil Hammond
Sue A. Hyatt
(Mrs. Floyd Hyatt)
Jewell S. Houck
Clara V. Hammond
Catherine Hyatt
Katherine P. Henline
Golda Hammond
Leon Houck
Henry Hammond
Glen B. McKinney
Mrs. Thos. Wiseman Hall
E. G. Byers
Miss Norma McMillan
Dr. B. A. Dickson
Mrs. B. A. Dickson
R. A. Thampson
Mrs. R. A. Thompson
L. A. Neal
Miss Ethel Kistler
(Mrs. Parsans)
James Dougald Cox
Mrs. Ida Reid Delaney

1931

Miss Lennie Greenlee
H. F. Beam
Mrs. Louise Beam
Lucy Duncan
Lizzie Duncan
Rena Bell Haney
Pearl Hammond
Florence Moses
Mattie Duncan
Olen A. McKinney
Mrs. Flora Greer McIver
Mrs. Rachel Ella McNeeley

1932

Miss Ethel Covington
(Mrs. Ged Giles)

Joseph O'Baren Bowman
George Hall
Jacob C. Raburn, Jr.
Peter DeMargo Sinclair, Jr.
Jane Elizabeth Streetman
Robert Walker Teeter
Joyce Henline
(Mrs. Melvin Burns)
Della Wacaster
Josephine Craig
(Mrs. L. K. Flaming)
Marie Crawley
Elsie Cuthbertson
Alice Ratliffe Morgan
Robert Streetman
Geo. William Kirkpatrick
Ruth Eakers
Calvin Wilson Wingo, Jr.
Naomi Wheeler
Florence Davis
Edward Rowe
Mary Lois Laughridge
(Mrs. Lawrence Miller)
Donald Johnston
Ben Burgin
Fred Bowman
Harry Wheeler
John Wheeler
Mitchell Wheeler
Frances Lenoir Stanley
(Mrs. Everett Carter)
Mildred E. Glenn
J. F. McNeeley
Mrs. J. F. McNeeley
O. H. Poteat
J. Gordon Blake
J. L. Gourley
Mrs. Nora B. Gourley
James Gourley
Margaret Gourley
(Mrs. Jas. Miller)
Mrs. Charlotte Mae
Harshaw

1933

Mrs. John A. Finley
Mrs. Carl H. Jimerson
W. C. Hall
Wm. McDowell Burgin
Iola Bradshaw
Robert Gilkey
Jessie Kemp Williams
Grace McNeal
Vernell McNeal
(Mrs. Paul Curtis)
Arnette Jane Scarbarough
Virginia Mae McCall
Virginia Simpson
Annie Catherine Burgin
J. C. Bowman, Jr.
Thos. Wm. Kincaid, Jr.
Mrs. Essie B. Kincaid
Mary Gwendalyn Shiflet
Agnes Gilliam
Matilda Margaret Sinclair
(Mrs. C. F. Harbison)

Jack Thompson
Chas. S. Henline
Mrs. Chas. S. Henline
Edgar Henline
Avery Henline
Mrs. J. A. Hyatt
Harmon H. Wright
Mrs. Naomi G. Wright
Joseph A. Poteat
Mrs. D. L. McKenzie
1934
Mrs. Fannie Parker
Dr. L. L. Williams
Mrs. L. L. Williams
Mae Belle Smith
Mrs. A. R. Batchelor
(wife of pastor)
Effie Jean Batchelor
(Mrs. Robt. Williams)
Mary Lavinia Batchelor
1935
Barron Caldwell
Robt. Sumner Clay
Miss Carrie E. Johnston
Margaret Ruth Kent
Abbie Priscilla Kent
Mrs. Sam E. Klutz
Ruby Joan Smith
Mrs. Helen Goldsmith Story
Joseph K. Stanley
Joseph K. Stanley, Jr.

1936

Rhetta Allen
Mrs. Frances Lancaster
Adkins
W. J. Bennett
Mrs. W. J. Bennett
Evelyn Bennett
Doris Bennett
John Harvey Dale
Robert Drake, Jr.
Wm. L. Davis
Robert Auburn Gourley
Patsy Mae Kirby
William Lester Morris, Jr.
F. B. Morgon
Mrs. F. B. Morgon
Dr. Donald M. McIntosh
Mrs. Ruth E. McIntosh
Freda Elaine Penninger
Raymond Robinson
Mrs. Raymond Robinson
Mrs. Ida Noblitt Sprinkle
Wilma Sprinkle
1937

Katherine Ellen Ballew
Mrs. Raymond Burgin
Ila Juanita Burgin
Cecil C. Carson
Mrs. Cecil C. Carson
Frank S. Dysart
Frank S. Dysart, Jr.
Jas. E. Evans
Ernest Jones Hause, Jr.
David E. Hervey
Robert W. Hervey

John Mack Laughridge
 Morris S. Laughridge, Jr.
 Walter Wm. Rowe
 James Ray Robinson
 Nelson F. Rogers
 Mrs. Nelson F. Rogers
 Elizabeth Ann Steppe
 Helen Beam Smarr
 A. R. Shiflet
 Mrs. A. R. Shiflet
 Miss Mary Yancey
 (Mrs. Gillies Proctor)

1938

Wm. Frederick Elliott
 Garland Eakers
 Chas. Harvey Greenlee
 Mrs. Jane Gill Greenlee
 William Gordon Greenlee
 Mrs. J. Neal Morris
 Mrs. Carl W. McMurray
 (wife of pastor)
 Chas. Liddell Norwood
 Mrs. Chas. L. Norwood

1939

Betty Jane Adkins
 W. G. Best
 Winslow G. Ballew, Jr.
 Robert Jos. Culberson
 Robt. Lynn Crawley
 Ruth Pyatt Cooper
 (Mrs. Bill Licking)
 Mrs. Barron Caldwell
 Miss Beth Caldwell
 (Mrs. Joe Padgett)
 Edith Gwendolyn Cooper
 Robert J. Dodge
 Mrs. Roy W. Giles
 Roy Wm. Giles, Jr.
 Polly Ann Hawkins
 Gordon A. Hammon
 Mrs. Gordon A. Hammon
 Guy Smith Kirby, III
 Bonnie Helen Kirby
 John N. Lee
 Mrs. John N. Lee
 W. E. Landis
 Mrs. Sue V. Laughridge
 (Mrs. R. R. Wilson)

Ben M. Martin
 Mrs. Glenn Morris
 Martha E. McIver
 Wm. C. McIver, Jr.
 Mrs. J. E. Neal, Jr.
 Miss Helen Osborne
 Marble Penland
 Virginia Dare Penland
 Miss Mamie Penland
 Hugh Edw. Sprinkle
 William H. H. Stanley
 William L. Smarr
 Mrs. Hattie Westall

1940

Maurice D. Atwell, Sr.

Maurice D. Atwell, Jr.
 Ann Burgan Barron
 Edith Bailey
 Mary Faith Carson
 Murray B. Craven
 Mrs. Murray B. Craven
 Murray B. Craven, Jr.
 Mrs. Eva Camp
 James Dodge
 Mrs. James Dodge
 Henry Dodge
 Marshall P. Dark
 Mrs. Marshall P. Dark
 Mrs. Fred Elliott
 Mrs. Clyde S. Finley
 Dorothy Frye
 Leonard Huggins
 Celia Frances Hawkins
 Mrs. Cato Holler
 David N. Lonon, III
 R. B. Lyon
 Mrs. Dysart Martin
 Wilma Irene McIver
 Mrs. M. W. Pryor
 Mrs. Z. V. Shaver
 Elizabeth Ann Shiflet
 Evelyn Elizabeth Toney
 Mrs. J. A. Wier
 B. W. Young

1941

Mrs. B. H. Barron
 J. B. Banks
 Alvin Banks
 Edwin Clay Cranford
 J. J. Cox
 Mrs. J. J. Cox
 Mary Jo Greenlee
 Harold W. Goodman
 James Kern Greenlee
 Mrs. M. E. Hansel
 Miss Margaret Hansel
 Hubert Hensley
 Mrs. Hubert Hensley
 J. Godfrey Haywood
 Mrs. J. G. Haywood
 T. W. Kincaid, Sr.
 Mrs. W. L. Morris
 Margaret L. McIver
 Wm. Howard Nichols
 F. M. Ormond
 Mrs. F. M. Ormond
 Lewis E. Reynolds
 Mrs. Lewis E. Reynolds
 Dorothy Shipman
 Jas. F. Smith
 Mrs. Jas. F. Smith
 Mrs. J. W. Streetman, Jr.
 Mrs. Mildred Turnbull

1942

Hugh Beam, Jr.
 Mrs. J. S. Blackburn
 Ernest E. Bowman

Mrs. W. E. Cooper
 Patsy Jean Cooper
 W. J. Cotton
 Mrs. W. J. Cotton
 Marshall Dark, Jr.
 Daphne A. Goodman
 Mrs. Harold Hawkins
 Jas. H. Hensley
 Mrs. Jas. H. Hensley
 Mrs. Chas. H. Huskins
 Nathan Howell
 Clyde Hensley
 Miss Marie Jarrett
 Miss Ruth Jarrett
 Laura Jean Keeter
 Miss Jean Maxwell
 Paul Butler Owenby
 Albert Penland
 S. R. Perkins
 Mrs. S. R. Perkins
 Mrs. W. J. Patton
 Elizabeth Ann Steppe
 Albert Thomas
 Mrs. Albert Thomas
 Thelma Autrey
 (Mrs. Guy Wilkerson)

1943

Mrs. Elizabeth Allison
 D. P. Allison
 Carl J. Autrey
 Mrs. Carl Autrey
 Mrs. Daisy C. Biddix
 David Alexander Finley
 Mrs. Vivian P. Gunnine
 Clifton J. Jimison
 Mrs. Thos. Wm. Kincaid, Jr.
 George Daniel McCall
 John A. Poteat, Jr.
 Jas. Walter Robb
 Mrs. James W. Robb
 Betty Jane Robb
 Jas. Wm. Robb
 Edw. F. Taylor
 Dennis S. Townsend
 Mrs. Dennis S. Townsend

1944

Mrs. Coleman Barnes
 Hilda Leigh Goodman
 Joseph B. Howell
 Mrs. Joseph B. Howell
 Harry B. Howell
 Mrs. Rebecca Lowe Hirsch
 Chas. F. Harbison
 Robert Lee Marks
 James W. Marks
 Mary Allen Poteat
 Charlotte F. Robinson
 J. W. Setzer
 Mrs. J. W. Setzer
 Wylie H. Spires
 Mrs. Wylie H. Spires

1945

Gary Eugene Caaper
W. E. Caaper
Wallace Evans
Mrs. Wallace Evans
Beatrice Lindsay Finley
Mrs. Alvin Finley
Wm. Kenneth Gill, Jr.
Mrs. Wm. Kenneth Gill, Jr.
Hugh Jennings Gladden
Mrs. Rabt. W. Hervey
Wm. Harold Hawkins, III
Irene Elizabeth Hawell
Ted Hensley
Mrs. Ted Hensley
Chas. C. Hensley
Darathy Hensley
Claude C. Jarrett
Hayt E. Jarrett
Rager Dean Jimeson
Thamas O. Laughridge
Mary Jaanne Lassiter
Mrs. Jahn McDawell Neal
Rabt. Eugene Penland
Rebecca Jane Shiflet
Mrs. Joe Stanley, Jr.
Earle W. Wiseman
Mrs. Earle W. Wiseman
Aileen K. Wiseman
Sanford Earle Wiseman
Puett J. Clemmer
Mrs. Rase Adkins Clemmer
Mrs. Joseph O. Bowman
Mrs. Wade H. Britt, Jr.

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